

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

Proposed amendments to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure regarding defaults and default judgments

Comments must be filed by Thursday, April 21, 2022

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court invites comments on proposed amendments to Rule 55 of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure regarding defaults and default judgments. The proposed amendments are intended to require notice to the defendant of a request for entry of default or default judgment; to limit the authority of clerks to enter defaults and default judgments; and to bring the rule into compliance with An Act to Improve the Efficiency of Certain Consumer Credit Protection Laws, P.L. 2021, ch. 245 (to be codified at 32 M.R.S. §§ 11019-11021). The proposed amendments are available on the Court's website at

www.courts.maine.gov/rules/default

Any comments must be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court by **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2022**. Comments may be in writing, mailed to the address below, or in an email sent to lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov. If the comments are in an attachment to the email, the attachment must be a document in native (text-based and not scanned) portable document format (.pdf). The Clerk's Office will acknowledge receipt of the email via reply email.

All comments must contain (1) the name and mailing address of the individual submitting the comments, and (2) the name, mailing address, and primary telephone number of the organization (if any) on whose behalf the comments are submitted. An individual need not be an attorney to submit comments individually or on behalf of an organization.

Comments are public documents and may be posted on the Court's website.

Dated: April 7, 2022

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